

purchase about 20 acres of privately-held land to expand Creekside Park. "This grant will be used for the first stage of our project to expand Creekside Park," Mr. Parker said. "The second stage will be the construction of a nature trail through the park. This award is welcomed news and the money will be well-spent." The entire project is expected to cost \$464,564, and the city will provide the funds to match the federal grant.

Rowan County's Dan Nicholas Park is the third recipient according to Congressman Coble. The LWCF will provide Rowan County with \$519,500 for the project. According to County Manager Tim Reynolds, this project involves the development of trails, amphitheater and support facilities at the Nature Science Center at Dan Nicholas Park. "The first phase calls for the construction of a new bear center," according to Mr. Reynolds. "In addition, we plan to construct a new teaching facility for kids." The entire project is expected to cost between \$3 and 3.5 million. The first phase is expected to cost just over \$1 million.

"I am pleased that these three outstanding facilities have been approved for these federal grants," Rep. Coble said. "Since the 1960s, the Land & Water Conservation Fund has provided much-needed grants to acquire, expand and improve our public recreational facilities. These parks in Guilford and Rowan counties do an outstanding job of offering excellent nature experiences, and these funds will go a long way toward ensuring that future generations will be able to enjoy these facilities."

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